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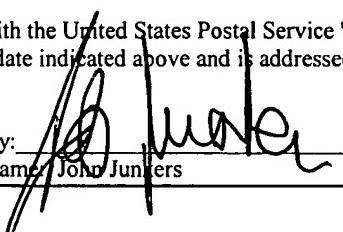
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that five of the references listed were cited in an International Search Report dated 18 March 2003. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed. Since the International Search Report is in English, no English translation of the listed foreign references is required, pursuant to MPEP §609(A)3.

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A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

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English abstracts are provided for the following references: JP 8-233804 and JP 2000-217804. JP 2000-146961 corresponds to WO 9/19159. JP 2001-524680 corresponds to US 6,379,317.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

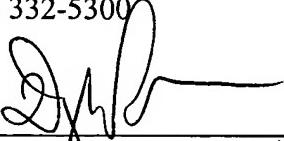
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	6 379 317	30 April 2002	KINTZIG et al.			
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
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	JP 8-233804	13 Sept. 1996	Japan			abstract
	JP 2000-146961	26 May 2000	Japan			see WO 98/19159
	WO 98/19159	7 May 1998	WIPO			
	JP 3081309	2 Nov. 2001	Japan			X
	JP 2000-217804	8 Aug. 2000	Japan			abstract
	JP 2001-524680	4 Dec. 2001	Japan			see US 6,379,317
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS</b> (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						



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